

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri P. Kondaiah, Forest Range Officer (Retd), Sunnipenta, Kurnool - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 10% cut in pension for one year besides recovery of Rs.23,069/-- Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 36

Dated:02-06-2015
Read the following:

- 1) From the PCCF Ref.No.2765/2001/K1, dt:20-2-2002.
- 2) Memo.No.10707/For.IV/A1/2001-8, Dt.23-08-2012.
- 3) From the Prl. CCF, Lr.Rc.No.51864/2001/K2,Dt.15-01-2014
- 4) Memo.No.10707/For.IV/A1/2001, Dt.19-11-2014.
- 5) From Sri P. Kondaiah, FRO(Retd), Explanation, dt: 05.01.2015.
- 6) Govt. Lr.No.10707/For.IV/A1/2001, dt.07.01.2015.
- 7) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.174/RT/3/2015, dt.19.03.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri P. Kondaiah, Forest Range Officer, formerly Srisailam Range of Atmakur Wildlife Division of Project Tiger, Srisailam Circle by the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Project Tiger, Srisailam in Ref. No.4105/02/PT1, dt.23-02-2001 on the following counts:

Article-1: Non-execution of works but charging expenditure as if the works were carried out in the full and satisfactory manner and misappropriation of Government funds by false and fabricated vouchers and cash book.

Article-2: Betrayal trust reposed on him by Government as a government servant by misappropriation of Government funds.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge and submitted his explanation on 12.04.2001. The Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Management Atmakur was appointed as Inquiry Officer vide Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Project Tiger Circle Srisailam Ref. No.4105/01/PT1, dt.03-12-2001.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted his findings in Rc.No.4959/2000-H4, dt:16.02.2003, wherein he concluded that, the charges leveled against the Charged Officer are held proved. A notice was issued to the Charged Officer for remitting the excess expenditure of Rs.23,069/- and the Charged Officer through representation dt:26.04.2001 has given his willingness for recovery of the said amount from the pensionary benefits.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2001. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for one year besides recovery of Rs.23,069/- against the charged officer Sri P. Kondaiah, Forest Range Officer (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his further explanation through the reference 5th read above and in which he has agreed with the proposed punishment.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for one year besides recovery of Rs.23,069/- against the charged officer Sri P. Kondaiah, Forest Range Officer (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No. 174/RT/3/2015, Dt:19.03.2015).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER